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SUBJECT:CONSULTATIONS WITH GROMYKO ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: (A) MOSCOW 9159 (B) STATE 147102

1. TALING POINTS IN REFTEL SHOULD BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:
2. SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH TWO (B): "NEVERTHELESS, SINCE THE ELECTION HE AND MOSHE DAYAN HAVE ENDEAVORED TO COME UP WITH A FORMULA WHICH WOULD  
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NOT FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE BY  
RULING OUT NEGOTIATIONS OVER WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK  
AND GAZA. BEGIN HAS IN FACT STATED THAT HE IS PREPARED TO  
GO TO GENEVA AS EARLY AS OCTOBER."

3. ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT END OF PARAGRAPH TWO (C):  
"DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF JUNE 27 WAS A REITERA-

TION OF OUR POSITION CONCERNING BASIC ISSUES IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS IN LIGHT OF NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN ISRAEL AND U.S. WHICH RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMINISTRATION POLICY. IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO BREAK ANY NEW GROUND. WE DO NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY MORE MAJOR STATEMENTS BEFORE THE BEGIN VISIT."

4. AMBASSADOR MAY GIVE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF JUNE 27 TO GROMYKO. AT SAME TIME AMBASSADOR SHOULD TAKE OCCASION TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT IN THE DELICATE PERIOD AHEAD SOVIETS WILL EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THEIR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMENTS ON ME. HE MAY CITE RECENT SOVIET PRESS LINE THAT US IS "ENCOURAGING THE HAWKS IN TEL AVIV" BY ITS PRO-ISRAELI STANCE AND "SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATIONIST LINE OF THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT" BY ARMS ASSISTANCE AS EXAMPLES OF STATEMENTS WHICH WILL ONLY MAKE A GENEVA MEPC MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. IF GROMYKO WANTS EXAMPLES OF UNHELPFUL SOVIET COMMENTARY YOU MAY CITE IZVESTIYA JUNE 16 ARTICLE BY KORYAVIAN, TASS ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMENTARY BY OSIPOV OF 27 JUNE, TASS RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STATEMENT OF 28 JUNE AND THE VIKTOROV TASS COMMENTARY OF 28 JUNE IN POLISH. CHRISTOPHER

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